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Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> December 2018

Dear Parents,

**This week's Statements to Live By is:**  
*I know why we celebrate Christmas*

I cannot quite believe that we have arrived at Week 3 of Advent already!

This will be the last newsletter before the new term begins in January – on behalf of all the staff we wish you a happy and holy Christmas and a great start to 2019. We would like to thank you for your support this term and for all the contributions you have kindly given this term for various charities and fund raising events.

I am sure that you will agree that the children's Nativity performances last week were fantastic. We are really proud of all the children and staff involved in this. Well done!

**11<sup>th</sup> Best School in Leeds**

We were delighted to see that the Yorkshire Evening Post reported the Department for Education end of KS2 data showing that St Francis is rated as being 11<sup>th</sup> in the list of the top performing schools in Leeds. An amazing achievement.



**Christmas Dinner**

Christmas dinner in school is today. The children all get chance to eat together, be served their food at the table and to pull a cracker!



**Advent Mass**

We will be celebrating Mass in school on Friday 21<sup>st</sup> December at 9:10am; you are welcome to join us. Canon Galvin has asked me to remind you that the Sacrament of Reconciliation is at **10:30-11 am on a Saturday in church**. Please ensure that your children are always respectful in church and toddlers are supervised in the sanctuary. Thank you.



**Advent sing-a-long**

Our annual Advent sing-a-long is on Friday 21<sup>st</sup> December at 2.30pm in the hall. This is an informal celebration where our KS2 children invite you to prepare with us for Christmas through seasonal readings and songs. You are all welcome to join us for a mince pie and a hot drink and to join in the singing from 2:15pm.



## Class Parties

Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> December is class party day – The children can come in their party clothes on Thursday, make sure your child has a coat with them as they will be playing out in the playground throughout the day. A well-known guest will be making a special appearance throughout party afternoon.

## Class Mass Times at St Francis Church

Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> December 9.30pm

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Monday 24<sup>th</sup> December 5pm (Children's Christmas Mass) carols from 4:30pm

Monday 24<sup>th</sup> December 8pm Christmas Mass carols from 7:30pm

Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> December 10am only- Canon Galvin would love to see you at Christmas Mass and he wishes you all a Happy Christmas and New Year.

## PTA News

### Raffle

The Christmas raffle will be drawn at the end of the Carol concert on Friday afternoon. There are some fabulous prizes, the main one being an iPhone 7.

## Upcoming Dates



Tuesday 18 <sup>th</sup> December	Christmas Dinner
Thursday 20 <sup>th</sup> December	Class party afternoon
Friday 21 <sup>st</sup> December	Advent Mass 9:10 am
Friday 21 <sup>st</sup> December	Carol Concert in the hall 2:30 pm
Friday 21 <sup>st</sup> December	<b>School and Nursery closes for the Christmas holidays.</b>
<b>Monday 7<sup>th</sup> January</b>	<b>School and Nursery opens.</b>

## Praise Assembly



Class	Well Done Certificates	Writing Certificate	Merits	Good Samaritan
R	Elizabeth Vera	Layla Featherstone	Noah Kilgallon	Hannah Cunningham
1	Neorah Kollapu	Frankie Coates	Leo Stones	Jude Al-Hussaini
2	Whole Class	Billy Pitman	Grace Lawson	George Scruton
3	Zara Taunt & Matther Fleming	Callum Carney & Jaiden Lund	Jonah Handford & Bella Gough	Peace Mabiala & Lily McHugh
4	Emmanuel Ilimezekhe	Sebastian Prescott	Oliver Ritchie	Lewis Smith
5	Samuel Mushinja	Nadia Molenda	Heidi Lambert	Gabriel Campos de Oliveira
6	Olivia Kosciak	Gerry Handford	Erin McKenna	Macy Chorlton
Nursery	Whole Class	Melanie Bielewicz	Whole class	Saron Henok
Lunchtime Award			Emily Acha	
Attendance			Year 4	
Punctuality			None	
House			St. Patrick	
After School Club			Stanley Milburn & Rickayo Marshall Campbell	
Headteacher's Award			Years- Nursery, Reception, 1 and 2 for their Christmas performances.	

**Mrs R. Harrison**  
Headteacher